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1. THE TRIAL OF THE "THAMMASAT 18" CONTINUED FEB 20 WITH BOONRAWD BREWERY LABOR UNION LEADER THANONG LAOWANICH UNDER-GOING CROSS-EXAMINATION BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. THE PROCEEDINGS WERE AGAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AFTER TWO SESSIONS HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS BECAUSE THE PROSECUTORS REPORTEDLY FEARED THANONG'S TESTIMONY WOULD IMPINGE ON THE LESE MAJESTE CHARGE. AFTER THANONG'S TESTIMONY PROVED UNCONTROVERSIAL, CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL THONG BAI THONGBAO RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRIAL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

2. EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE TRIAL WAS RELAXED. LAST WEEK PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO RECOMMEND PARDON FOR THE DEFENDANTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRIAL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SIX PERSONS CHARGED WITH LESE MAJESTE. THE PUBLIC SEEMS LESS CONCERNED; ONLY ABOUT 50 STUDENTS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE COURTRROOM TO LISTEN TO

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